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Fire update for southeastern Oregon

VALE, Oregon – Most fires reported over the weekend within the Bureau of Land Management's Vale District have been contained.

The **Clark Butte Fire** (west of Jordan Valley) is estimated at 40,000 acres and 40 percent containment. According to Sam DeLong, Incident Commander, shifting winds hampered yesterday's containment efforts. More than 200 firefighters are on scene. According to DeLong, cooperation with local residents has been critical to the operation, particularly when yesterday's winds shifted and threatened local ranches. Burnout operations to protect the ranches were successful.

The public is advised to avoid Danner Loop Road due to heavy fire traffic and low visibility.

The **Saddle Butte Fire** near Leslie Gulch was contained at 5,500 acres last night around 9 p.m. The **Loveland Horse Camp Fire** (20 miles southeast of Rome) was contained at 700 acres late Saturday night; and the **Harris Creek Fire** on Lookout Mountain was contained at 300 acres yesterday morning.

Information on the **Ironside Complex Fire** (including Ironside Mountain near Unity and four locations near Westfall) will be reported separately.

For additional information on these fires, please contact Debbie Lyons, Vale District Public Information Officer, at (541) 473-6218.

